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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the Japanese references are also enclosed.

A concise explanation of relevance for the non-English documents may be found at page 1 of the specification.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

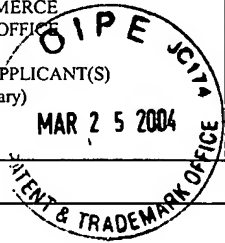
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
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		2000-53308	02/22/2000	Japan			Abstract
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OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)							
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